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The Honorable Mike Green, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee
on Natural Resources
P.O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

The Honorable Jon Bumstead, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee
on Natural Resources
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7514

Dear Senator Green and Representative Bumstead:

Pursuant to Section 802, PA 63 of 2011, the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) is required to submit a report on the marine safety grant program. The provisions of Section 802 require that the report include the following information for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11:

1. Total revenue received from watercraft registrations: \$9,501,900
2. Watercraft registration revenue deposited in the Marine Safety Fund: \$4,656,000
3. Total expenditures from the Marine Safety Fund: \$5,110,600
4. Breakout of Marine Safety Fund expenditures:
 - Department administration: \$220,400
 - Other state agencies: \$1,414,600
 - Law Enforcement Division: \$1,495,600
 - Grants to counties: \$1,980,000

Note: Amounts rounded to the nearest hundred.

Section 802 also requires that the department provide a list of the marine safety grants awarded by county, as well as an explanation of the distribution methodology employed in determining the grant awards. A list of the 2011 marine safety operating and equipment grants awarded by county is provided as an attachment. For state funds, grants are issued for an entire calendar year, January 1 through December 31. For federal funds, grants are issued for a partial fiscal year, January 1 through September 30. Reimbursement with state funds is provided up to 75 percent of actual expenditures, not to exceed the grant allocation. Reimbursement with federal funds is provided up to 100 percent of actual expenditures, not to exceed the grant allocation.

The 2011 marine safety operating grant awards were determined by targeting 75 percent of the average grant amounts awarded to each county over the past three years (subject to a maximum of \$210,000). In allocating funding for marine safety equipment grants, the department sought to meet the greatest needs first. This was determined based on the equipment inventories provided by the counties, the type and number of water bodies patrolled, patrol hours provided by the counties, past equipment grant histories (grants provided and usage), and other relevant information provided by the counties as part of their grant applications.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon M. Schafer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sharon" being the most prominent.

Sharon M. Schafer, Chief
Finance and Operations
517-241-5482

Attachment

cc: Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Members
House Appropriations Subcommittee Members
Mr. Josh Sefton, Senate Fiscal Agency
Ms. Viola Wild, House Fiscal Agency
Mr. John Nixon, State Budget Director, Department of Technology, Management
and Budget (DTMB)
Mr. Jacques McNeely, DTMB
Ms. Jennifer Harrison, DTMB
Director Rodney A. Stokes, DNR
Dr. Kelley Smith, Acting Natural Resources Deputy, DNR
Mr. Gary Owen, Legislative Liaison, DNR
Mr. Gary Hagler, DNR
Mr. Joseph Frick, DNR
Mr. Steve DeBrabander, DNR
Mr. Erik Eklund, DNR